

## **Statement Regarding Hospital Verbal Orders - December 16, 2005**

A question was posed to the KBRC about whether a hospital administrative regulation prohibited the giving of verbal orders to a respiratory therapist.

A statute holds more legal authority than an administrative regulation. KRS 314A.100 (3) states, "The respiratory care practitioner may transcribe and implement a physician's written or verbal orders pertaining to the practice of respiratory care procedures as defined in this section."

Since KRS 314A.100 (3) takes legal precedence over a conflicting administrative regulation, it is legal for respiratory care practitioners to transcribe and implement verbal physician orders that pertain to the practice of respiratory care